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1. Coal Mines in Dimitroverad
2. Construction of New Airfield

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- 1. There were four coal mines in the area of Dimitrovgrad: Maritsa, Merichleti Vulkan, and Novi Ditsi (sic).
- 2. The Maritsa mines consisted of three main shafts, each of which was four or five kilometers long. Both free laborers and prisoners were employed at the mines. Informant's shift worked eight hours each day and produced 1,000 kilograms (200 wagon loads) each day. Explosives were used to loosen the coal which was taken by electrically-driven cars to the mine entrance where it was loaded on railroad cars. The coal produced was of average quality.
- 3. The Vulkan mines has two 2-level shafts, each of which was approximately two kilometers long. Each shaft had many branches. Approximately 600 workers were employed at the mine in three shifts. Each shift produced 300 to 400 tons of coal per day; the coal was taken to the station in vehicles. Coal was sent to the cement factory in Dimitrovgrad by aerial cable.
- 4. The coal mines of Novi Ditsi were located approximately four to five kilometers southwest of the Vulkan mines. The mines of Merichleri were located approximately four or five kilometers from the Vulkan mines.
- 5. Southwest of Rakofski, near Dimitrovgrad, the building for a new hydroelectric plant had been completed, and only the machinery remained to be installed. The plant was scheduled to begin operating in 1951. The plant, which will be called Tets Maritsa 3, will provide electricity for the Dimitrovgrad area.
- 6. In the spring of 1951, informant saw approximately 300 trudovaks working on an airfield which was being constructed at location QK-8989, between the villages of Veligrat (sic) and Rakitovo, and south of the Mikints River. No buildings or runways had been constructed, but cement, iron, various types of machinery, and other materials were deposited at the field.

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7. In April 1951, informant saw large cement shelters which had been constructed in the hills of Bunarzhik and Tepeto; the shelters had electric lights, telephones, and a supply of drugs.

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